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MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE—NORTH EASTERN BOUNDARY.

RESOLVES

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Concerning the North Eastern Boundary.

JUNE 21, 1841.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Resolved, unanimously, If the Senate concur, that the right of the United States, and of the State of Maine, to require of Great Britain the literal and immediate execution of the terms of the second article of the treaty of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, so far as they relate to the boundary from the source of the St. Croix river to the north-westernmost head of Connecticut river, remains, after the lapse of more than half a century, unimpaired by the passage of time or by the interposition of multiplied objections.

Resolved, unanimously, If the Senate concur, that, although there is no cause to apprehend any immediate collision between the two nations on account of the controversy respecting the said boundary, it is nevertheless most earnestly to be desired that a speedy and effectual termination be put to a difference, which might even, by a remote possibility, produce consequences that humanity would deplore.

Resolved, unanimously, If the Senate concur, that the late Report made to the Government of Great Britain, by their commissioners of survey, Messrs. Featherstonhaugh and Mudge, though not to be regarded as having yet received the sanction of that Government, is calculated to produce, in every part of the United States where it is examined, a state of the public mind highly unfavorable to that conciliatory temper, and to that mutual confidence in the good intentions of each other, without which it is hopeless to expect a satisfactory result to controversies between nations.

Resolved, unanimously, If the Senate concur, that the interest and the honor of Massachusetts alike demand a perseverance, not the less determined because it is temperate, in maintaining the rights of Maine. And that we now cheerfully repeat our often recorded response to her demand, that the justice which has been so long withheld should be speedily done to her—and that, whilst we extend to her our sympathy for her past wrongs, we again assure her of our unshaken resolution to sustain the territorial rights of the Union.

Resolved, unanimously, If the Senate concur, that his Excellency the

Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolves, and the accompanying report, to the Executive of the United States, and of the several States, and to each of the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *March 11, 1841.*

Passed :

GEORGE ASHMUN, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, *March 12, 1841.*

Passed :

DANIEL P. KING, *President.*

MARCH 13, 1841.—Approved :

JOHN DAVIS.

A true copy, attest,

JOHN P. BIGELOW,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.